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1 I fully support this venture. It is a needed resource for the county and its residents.

2 I'm shocked that we are building yet another large county project in Eastern PWC. As a taxpayer from the Western edge of PWC, I have to drive close to an hour just to use most of the county facilities that my tax dollars have supported for a decade. The long drive makes it impossible for me to use our county facilities or send my kids to summer camps. Completely unfair. For the 11 years that I've lived in PWC, my tax dollars have subsidized rec centers for those in Eastern PWC, that I have no access to. Where is your plan to build something similar in Western PWC, or at least something more centralized? There is no pickleball access or rec center near me.

3 My 3 children regularly participate in sports at the St. James in Springfield. The quality of offerings at this venue is very high. I have been wanting something like this in PWC for years. I am very excited for this project but also think that it won't be worth doing unless it is very well done and is worth the cost of activities that will take place at the facility. As someone who worked for the government for 20 years, the private sector can usually do things better because competition in the market drives up the quality. I suggest that PWC look thoroughly at the St. James to see what PWC residents are going to expect when the PWC facility is completed. An indoor field with turf will be necessary, plus other event space to make it profitable. I also recommend an indoor gymnastics and dance performance area, as well as recreation areas that could host children's parties.

4 I fully support the creation of the sports facility and I think it is needed on the eastern side of the county. My only suggestion is to add batting cages or baseball facilities, as there is a lack of indoor baseball facilities on this side of the county. PWC and the surrounding area have really strong baseball programs and indoor facilities to play in the colder months and during inclement weather would be a huge help. This would help grow little leagues and travel teams programs in the area. Thank you.

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5 Where are the plans for a large INDOOR community pools for Northeastern PWC? Chinn and Dale City Rec indoor pools aren't accommodating to any further growth. Can this be added to the plan? If not, please build an indoor pool on land at VeteransPark. Thank you.

6 I see no mention of the impact on traffic and parking around the proposed site. The Telegraph Road, Horner Road, PW Parkway area is already a major traffic problem during rush hours and weekend shopping. This would exacerbate the issue and drive even bigger taxpayer bills to resolve. Do the impact study up front before seeking comment on the proposal.

7 Absolutely needed! About time we caught up with surrounding areas. Two thumbs up!!

8 Is there a more central location that could be considered? As a Western Prince William County resident, this facility would be too far away to be a benefit I could enjoy.

9 I support this project with 3 suggestions : include ice and roller skating rinks and child care. Maybe the fee for the child care can help with the construction and maintenance of this sports pavilion.

10 I support the Indoor Sports & Events Center, but would like to see an indoor facility for soccer and lacrosse, with outdoor fields for large tournaments.

11 With this proposal, Telegraph Rd. from commuter parking lot 1 to Minnieville Rd. must be fully developed into a four lane divided road as it currently is a heavily traveled, narrow and curved Rd. and very dangerous especially at night and during inclement weather. I have traveled on it since it was a dirt road!

12 This is a great idea, maybe adding indoor pool

13 I sincerely wish this facility had existed when my now adult son was attending PWC Schools. To get to indoor track meets, we had to travel to Suitland, MD and to Lynchburg, VA. This facility will be a huge addition to the local sports landscape and I suspect that it will be very well used.

14 Please include a pool!! The area is in dire need of another pool facility in the county!!

15 I would think that you would want to define the subsidy required PRIOR to consider building this facility. Also, there should be a clear definition of whether this will be run by a 3rd party or by PWC. If there is a cost recovery model in place that will cover all expenses, then no issue. If this facility will require subsidizing, then I do not support this. If this is going to be run by a 3rd party, I do not support. It should be a mix of public programming, public school use, and pay to play activities such as tournaments and private rentals. I don't see how this facility could be run for profit in any scenario.

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17 Please do not build the sports complex. In order to build it you will tear down another wooded area and that is horrible. By paving over yet another forest you rob us of native birds, you contribute to rising temperatures, pollute our air and water. If you must build it at least build it instead of yet another gas station or use places that are already paved over.

18 Fantastic idea and project!

19 I just don't wanna see my personal and real estate taxes go up for something I probably will never get to use.

20 Even though this will add to already crazy traffic in Woodbridge due to a traffic light being added every 10 feet it seems. My only concern is if residents are helping pay for it via tax increase? If that is the case then a big fat NO to this project from me

21 I love this idea! The fact that it brings a larger sense of recreation for the youth and adults in the community will bring a change to crime in the area. It will allow youths to have a place to play when local recreation centers are occupied or closed. No more playing in open neighborhood parks but rather an enclosed supervised facility. A great place to also hold community events such as sporting events, graduations and so much more.

22 It would be great to see this facility have sand volleyball courts (indoor or outdoor sand). Sand volleyball has a presence in Fairfax, DC, Stafford/Fredericksburg. These Counties are able to run sand volleyball leagues and tournaments for adults and school age kids, bringing in additional revenue for the Counties. It would be great to see Prince William keep up with the other neighboring counties. As of now, we have to travel an hour, if not longer, just to play sand. Although there are some parks that do have "sand volleyball courts," these courts are not regulation and are actually dangerous to play in due to the lack of adherence to sand volleyball regulations. Current fatal flaws to old, unkept courts: - nets are either non-existent or not quality nets - sand depth not deep enough - sand is not actual volleyball sand - court size is not regulation - nets are either non-existent or not quality nets. - outdoor courts are full of rocks - not sand - courts are overrun with grass It would be fantastic to see the County put in actual regulation courts.

23 I think this will be an excellent addition to our community.

24 As a PWC resident and parent of an athlete, I am happy to voice my support for something like this and of this magnitude! This will be great for PWC! Thanks

25 We don't need another project that will increase the taxes on Prince William county residents. Stop this project NOW!

26 Hello, I have a couple of comments. #1 - Please include tennis courts (not pickleball); #2 - What are the options for PW County residents who live in Gainesville or Haymarket - 2a - how will they get there; 2b - has any consideration been made for building something similar in the western part of the county - #3 - make sure the hours are compatible for working individuals - at least opening at 5pm and not closing until 10pm.

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- 27 This is a great idea and definitely needed in Prince William County. I like that the building will be multi purpose for the community as well as for visitors and corporate also. my only concern is for it the fees to be affordable for middle class and low income families. Make sure that something is built in for students and families of Title I schools.
- 28 This facility would benefit children and families in the Woodbridge and PWC area and I think it offers something we do not currently have. The opportunities for employment and community engagement are enormous
- 29 What about a pool within the facility? I am the head coach of a competitive USA swim team and getting pool space for our team to train is always a challenge.
- 30 Will this plan include an Olympic or collegiate scale swimming pool and diving board? What about any consideration for an ice rink?
- 31 Why would we not be adding turf fields for soccer, lacrosse and football? Or adding batting cages? I think making this venue more similar to The St. James would increase its use and value.
- 32 Would this facility require that we pay more in county taxes? Would residents have to join this facility?
- 34 I have children and I think this is a great idea.
- 35 Is an indoor pool no longer being considered? With thousands of swimmers in the county, many teams wish to use the Freedom Center as it's the only 50M pool in the county. Lane space is full and on a wait list at all of the community pools for training purposes (Freedom, PWAC, Dale City Rec, Chinn). A 50M pool covers the Olympic distance to train, compete and give more revenue back to the county. It would be a great investment to recoup revenue by renting it out, in part, to private clubs, as well as, the public for lap swimming and the vast aquatic sports. Additionally, grants could be obtained to help more of the community gain the life skill of swimming. Thank you for your consideration.
- 36 What is the anticipated road work involving Telegraph Rd to plan for the additional traffic. I think this is good for the area but of course, always concerned about the amt of cars on the road affecting the housing developments.
- 37 There needs to be an indoor turf soccer field. Soccer is huge in this area and Fairfax county has multiple far away indoor turf fields so PWC needs one as well.
- 38 I'd like to propose to add 50 m x 8 lanes indoor swimming pool. The one at Corgan HS is such a waste of money. They may want to close it down. And what is the rationale behind creating 6 basketball and 12 volleyball courts? Are we sure if there's need? - Additionally, will the floor can be used for gymnastic, dance competitions? - How about daily usage by the residents of PWC? How it can be promoted if the building is only for the space and no gym/swimming pool.

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- 39 The proposed facility(ies) should be separated. Although there is a need for all types of activities and services needed. This in particular will be too small to have all that is mentioned.
- 40 Indoor soccer fields are needed for our kids. Please make sure the plan include those as well
- 41 Space for an outdoor skatepark, similar to the one in Arlington would be great for adolescents. Incorporating mini golf all year round would also be great for youth attraction. PWC does not have many youth rec centers with indoor/outdoor activities that are more leisure rather than competitive. We have plenty basketball/soccer/volleyball/swimming. More entertainment for youth would be nice rather than having this complex be full at capacity by competitive sports and their teams.
- 42 Like looks a perfect location for AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- 43 A facility of this nature is long overdue for this, the 2nd most populated county in Virginia. Currently, citizens have to travel to other counties for many competitions.
- 44 I have been a resident of PWC for almost 30 years (December). I have seen time and time again residents in western PWC asking time and time again when can the western side of the county get a rec center that will benefit all tax payers. We have heard over and over there is no money. Well it is fascinating that our tax dollars continue to be spent on things for the people eastern part of the county. ENOUGH The western part of the county is being destroyed with data centers and spending our tax dollars from the destruction the benefit the eastern end is absolutely unjust and unfair. I am saying absolutely NO to placing another rec center in the eastern part of the county. It is time for the Western side of the county to get a Rec Center. I do not support this at all. Donna
- 45 Why is the location in Woodbridge versus a central location that will be accessible to all of Prince William County? I will not be using the facility because it's too far from Western Manassas area.
- 46 Woodbridge resident. Fully support exploration expenses. However, long term: if the facility becomes a reality, the activities and associated \$Fees absolutely must be acceptable by our low-income families, with additional considerations for single-parent households. Our community deserves an amazing space for all of our young athletes. As you do the math, Please ensure ANY plan has a means to offset costs for our lower income residents. We don't want to turn into Fairfax county that locks-out its own residents via exorbitant fees.
- 47 I live in Victory Lakes Bristow. The BOCS voted to approve a data center next to my home but all they want to talk about is spending data center money on this facility. I will be bearing the cost of the new infrastructure to support all the data centers that have been approved. No we don't need this facility. We need more protected green space. Stop carving up PWC for data centers. My kids are in activities and I have never noticed a lack of sports facilities for them to have games at. Why not invest in our schools and teachers more? Stop approving data centers!

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48 50m length pool please! Colgan can't handle all the volume for the demand in the county. The St James was such an improvement for Fairfax Co. Keep events in PWC!

49 Hi, I thought that this indoor center was going to have space for indoor soccer but it doesn't look like the proposed facility will have this. Is this something that the county would still consider?

50 This looks like a great community center that will benefit many people. However, eastern PWC already has at least one other community center. What about those of us on the western side in Bristow, Gainesville and Haymarket? When can we finally benefit from having a community center that is close to us? We love the new Rollins Ford park, but there is still so much lacking on this side of the county.

51 Why is such an expensive project being prioritized over updating or replacing aging county facilities, such as Potomac Library and the Woodbridge Senior Center, that are already used by many county residents on a daily basis? The fee-based structure of this new facility will likely make it difficult to access for the very residents who most need the services offered by the very facilities that did not make it onto the most recent CIP. Many of our current supervisors are rightly concerned with equity for PWC residents. Is such an expensive project contributing to the goal of equity for all, or only for those who already have many privileges?

52 While I am happy to hear about the plans for such a grand indoor multi-sport complex, I would like to request planning a community rec center in the Haymarket-Gainesville area. We either have to drive to Fairfax county Recs or down to Woodbridge for the kids activities.

53 I oppose this as a Western PWC resident. I want to know why the Eastern side gets all the Rec centers and most of the programs for special needs children are also on that side. As a mom of a disabled child, we cannot drive to the Eastern side for these programs due to other things that have to be done in our daily life. This is a gross negligence. Don't even get me started on the Rollins Ford Park that was supposed to be "accessible friendly." It's nothing of the sort. All the western side gets is data centers built apparently.

54 Any new county-built/ run indoor sports facilities should include aquatics. The county population has doubled since the "new" Chinn aquatic and fitness center opened in the early 1990s.

55 If the Commanders stadium is not built in the same area, I strongly support this location. I strongly encourage the BOCS to use revenue from the data center computer tax to fund this, and not to levy additional taxes on PWC residents.

56 Please kindly notice that we need an Olympic size indoor pool with sauna, steam room as well as a large size jacuzzi just like (as an example) Chinn aquatics besides the multi sport and event facility. As senior citizens we would like to have the pool close to us in Woodbridge area. This facility is more important than for all ages other than what you want to propose for the area. Thanks

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57 The disparity of county facilities between east and west Prince William County is unacceptable. Special Facilities (like rec centers, stadium, skatepark, etc.) – 4 West, 17 East (I count Chin and Dale City as East - a 40 minute drive from me) Pools and Waterparks – 5 East, 1 West Data Centers - Looks like we get them all...in our freekin back yards. I am upset that the people in Western Prince William are funding mega projects for the eastern county that I will never use, while the western part of the county fills up with data centers...which are generating revenue for the county, yet we dont see the benefits. We dont have a county rec center we can go to without driving and fighting traffic for 40 minutes. That is not realistic with children on week nights. The same goes for camps. I dont completely oppose the idea of a project like this but I do oppose THIS mega spending project when my family and thousands of families like mine dont even have a rec center and other county facilities we can realistically use. No, no, no. When will someone finally listen to us on this side of the county?!

58 I really would like to see a pool incorporated into this space. The County's aquatic offerings are subpar, recreational swimmers have limited lane opportunities, swim teams are constantly fighting for more lanes, and there's no long course option other Freedom Center. Please consider an opportunity to incorporate swim and potentially other rec center amenities as parallel offerings at this site.

59 I think this looks like a great use of that space and a wonderful addition to the County amenities.

60 This is a much needed facility. Especially, the large meeting spaces. It will be great to have a space that is flexible and affordable for community groups to meet and hold events that benefit the community. The location seems very good, not making to a traffic nightmare, but convenient from I95..

61 I oppose this center for the Telegraph Rd location. As a long resident of the Western side of PWC, specifically Gainesville/Catharpin; Its astounding that we cannot get a community center like this. The Eastern portion of the county has far more resources. The Western portion is not "rural" anymore and we have kids too that need safe, fun and healthy outlets. I would like to see this on the Western side of the county. Thank you for your consideration.

62 Looks like an impressive facility, but I picture the traffic being to much for current roads.

63 I think this project would be beneficial for county residents. Facilities like this are definitely needed in our county.

64 Why is almost everything in the east end of the county while the only thing in the west end are soccer fields?

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65 I am concerned about the location, especially for PWCS, the distance the buses need to drive from the Western side of the county. The roads around Caton Hill are very busy with commuter traffic, mall traffic, this adds to bus travel time. Is there another location that can be more centralized within the county. Can it be built next to the PWC Stadium Complex that way there are indoor/outdoor amenities. Easier access for the buses, for PWC residents, and brings foot traffic to dead surrounding area that has restaurants, bus transportation, and plenty of land to build it. Please keep me informed.

67 This reminds me of the Potomac Nationals proposal to build a new stadium...the County residents would be on the hook. I understand the desire for more sport fields, and an indoor facility, but the plan to add extras such as conferences, events, and 5000 spectator seats is very hard to support. Our residents have already had data centers foisted upon us despite our objections. Now we are asked to support a boondoggle.

68 I can't wait. I'd love to see an Indoor Sports and Events Center in the Easter Prince William County Area

69 I do not support this project. The county bears all the costs of development and ultimately subsidy costs if insufficient revenues do not materialize. If this project must proceed, it should a privately funded effort with shared cost accountability for profit and loss with that private entity.

70 I am not convinced this is necessary. Traffic in that area is already intolerable, has a study been conducted on the impact it will have on traffic? How will it be paid for? Will taxes be raised? Will a bond be issued? What teams do you envision traveling here to use it if it is built? Will the facilities be available for individual use for citizens? Taxpayer in the County, Appreciate your feedback.

71 Please we need an indoor (Olympic size) swimming pool with sauna, jacuzzi and steam room in the Dumfries area. I think this is much needed at this point than any other projects.Thanks

72 I strongly believe that we should not fund this center. There will be subsidy required, just like at the Hylton Performing Arts Center and our golf courses. If there was enough interest to make the center profitable, then the private sector would have already built it. Once the County builds something, it can easily become a money pit. Focus on soccer fields and softball fields that can be used for all our residents and allow all income levels to enjoy sports for their family. I vote NO!

73 This is a win win situation for both the county and residents. Our children need more sport spaces like these, were they can do a variety of things. I think the dale city and chinn aquatic recreation centers are not enough to meet the needs of PWC residents.

74 This is a very exciting project that I hope the county constructs. I didn't see on this webpage how the county will pay for this. Will you be issuing bonds or raising taxes?

75 The current proposal sounds and looks to have great potential. It will be good to attend the meeting in April for a more detailed assessment.

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- 76 The current proposal sounds and looks to have great potential. It will be good to attend the meeting in April for a more detailed assessment.
- 77 I hope we can have a center with swimming pool, steam room , jacuzzi and sauna, I live in Dumfries and unfortunately we do not have such indoor pool like chin aquatics ,
- 78 You said MEB Contractors submitted an unsolicited proposal to design, build, and operate the facility. Will you be soliciting bids for other designs and construction teams?
- 79 I can understand the benefits of such a facility, but the cost is very high and should be privatized. As someone who lives 35 miles away in Western PWC, the location is a disappointment. Was this location chosen for the benefit of the county or in hopes of drawing revenue from outside the county along the 95 corridor? Your specs say that the center can be used for graduations and will seat 5000 people. That is grossly inadequate seating for most of our PWCS high schools. Eagle Bank Arena and Jiffy Lube Live each seat 10,000, and Jiffy Lube has overflow seating on the lawn. I have seen both facilities completely filled for graduations in the past. So to say it can be used for graduations is a huge stretch. I feel it is dishonest to use graduations in the marketing for this facility. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- 81 I would like to see some space dedicated to Radio Controlled cars. I am a member of RCRNV (Radio Controlled Racers of Northern VA) We are a club that supports all forms of RC racing and family fun. Please look up RCRNV on Facebook. Currently there is no County or State property that has facilities for RC car running/racing. On or Off road. There is a huge following (we have over a thousand members) We all pay taxes that go towards parks and recreation and have 0 support for our hobby. RC car racing is a family friendly hobby. My son who is now 18 has been racing and palying with RC cars since he was 5. Currently we pay Manassas to RC race on road in the parking lot at Osborne High School but between soccer games and football we frequently get pushed out. I would be happy to hear from someone and can fill you in with more detail and answer any questions 703 380-7029 Brian Walbert
- 82 This is a non starter for me. I am tired of this county placing amenities in the far East of the county with absolutely nothing being looked at or planned for the western part of the county. I have lived here for 30 years and continue to see the western tax dollars being spend on the East. The county should NOT build this on the Eastern part of the county and should be responsible and fair to look to build in Western PWC where those residents can get some level of benefit from the taxes they continue to pay. Donna
- 83 What happen to the proposed western Prince William County facility? It feels like neighborhoods In the western side of the county gets data centers while the eastern side gets recreation facilities. Would love to know when data centers will pop up in the eastern side of the state and a \$100 million dollar indoor recreation facility will pop up in the western neighborhoods.

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84 What about ice hockey rinks? Get hockey for our youth in the Minnesota model of community based instead of the club/rink owners who are holding back hockey development in the northern Virginia area. Community based is better than the model used in rest of America. Also it should be in the western end as we get nothing compared to Woodbridge.

85 Much needed facility for the county. Much needed amenity for the community. Very much needed resource for the Eastern PWC as the Eastern PWC is often neglected. Doing this is a no brainer. It would be sad if this doesn't get approved. What are all those Data Centers taxes used for??

86 I fully support an indoor sports facility with a banked track in our county. PWCS students currently travel to VA Beach and MD for track and field indoor meets. The proposed location looks to be in an already busy area. Is there an alternative location?

87 Why won't there be a new indoor pool in that complex? The Chinn Ctr is old and very small. In summertime the number of adults allowed in the pool is reduced to make room for the kids in swimming classes. A lot of the adults are year-long members but are denied access!

88 This is a great idea, but wish it was on the west side of the county. I think it would be very successful on this side of the county (Gainesville/Haymarket) and may also get some folks from Loudon and Fauquier Counties coming to use it. I would MUCH rather have this than the ugly data centers.

89 I agree we definitely need this type of facility in Prince William County. My main concern at this point is where will the parking be and how will this impact the traffic on Telegraph Rd? It seems that an entirely new traffic I guess and egress system will have to be designed. Is this included in the in the initial plans and estimated costs?

90 How many lanes will the track have? will there be throwing cage(s) and jumping pits? Is there a plan the have meets there (youth, High School, college, all commers, other meets). I currently train in Arlington and frequently compete in Prince Georges.

91 The county really needs to think and include an ice hockey rink to relieve the only PW ice rink in the area that is already at it's limitations.

92 This should not be paid for by taxpayers. Look up Spooky Nook in Lancaster, PA. They have tons of sports programs at all levels, to include competitions-where travel leagues pay for the use of the facility. The location should be in Mid-County-mid-way in PWC to be more accessible for all citizens from PWC- West to East. It takes a minimum of a 45 minute commute from Haymarket to Telegraph Road..that is not accessible! I have shared my perspective many times and yet, the ears of our leaders are not turned on or tuned in! Eastern PWC has Chinn Park/Dale Rec/ Veterans Park Rec centers. There are NO recreational or sports facilities in Mid County and only the Freedom Center nearby the Western area. Each facility is at least a 20 minute drive from Mid-county. We pay our taxes and we deserve to have decent facilities in our region as well. Balance the tax dollars!! Take money from each district and spend that money in that district!

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- 93 <https://www.spookynooksports.com/manheim/sponsors-tenants>. Look at all these sponsors! This should not be funded by taxdollars!
- 94 I oppose the use of any public financing for this project. Sports complexes never bring a net-positive return to the state, county, or community that subsidizes them. If private investors feel that it will bring a positive net return, they can demonstrate their confidence by covering the full costs of the land, infrastructure, facilities, construction, and operation, at the full market rates plus applicable taxes, out of their own money (not the public's money). If investors do not bring their own funding to this project, it means the project is not a good investment. I oppose the use of any public funding, tax breaks, offsets, waivers, bonds, or other commitments from the public treasury for this facility.
- 95 What are you proposing about road improvements? Crossing telegraph road over PWC pkwy is a nightmare at best with frequent red light runners! Road improvements and access should be first on the list before this monstrous building is in place. The county is being overbuilt in this vicinity.
- 96 reckless spending and tax increases will soon ensure that PWC, like Fairfax Cty, will have more taxpayers leaving than arriving. Perhaps there needs to be a cessation in spending, reduction in staff, more attention to maintenance, and caring for what we currently have instead of constantly thinking of new things on which to spend ever increasing amounts of money. Do a few things well and stop trying to fix everything at one time.
- 97 As a part of this project, will Telegraph road between the park & ride and Minnieville be improved to accommodate the additional traffic?
- 98 Would love if this design offered tennis indoor courts as an option. We would definitely pay to be able to play year round!
- 99 With 3 children involved in multiple sports we spend at least 10k in sports related expenses including travel, lodging, and food that is infused into other communities. This would greatly improve our ability to participate in multiple sports and spend our money in our own community. We live in Tacketts Mill so this is our backyard and I support it. I am concerned about further 95 congestion in this area and I would recommended that expanding the express lanes to run in both directions similar to 495 would be necessary and should be a part of the proposal.
- 100 This would be amazing! Hopefully Rugby would be a sport that could be included since it is growing! Great space and locale for all. it will be very busy once opened and hopefully accessible for many/all - if it will create jobs too, that would be great!
- 101 It's looks good but we would have liked it much better if it was built in the location where you decided to build the data centers in Gainesville/ Haymarket area !

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- 102 Waste of money - and you can probably double the cost for the current estimate for planning, design and construction - because of inflation (not properly covered in estimate). Also, it will cost tax payer money every year wit is in operation forever. the user fees won't even cover the operations costs, not to mention the maintenance or capital costs. A financial boondoggle and a complete waste of money. An indoor banked track - you really think that is a major draw - ridiculous (and I am a former track guy).
- 103 The idea is good, but the location should be more local for all Prince William County residents to conveniently and equally enjoy.
- 104 The facility is a good idea, but should be more centrally located so all Prince William County residents can take advantage of the facility equally (proximity).
- 105 It sounds like a good idea although the location seems to be remote and therefore have the potential to decrease community wide usage.
- 106 Why are you not providing Tennis courts. Prince William Residents must drive to Fairfax, or Warrenton to play. Tennis players use many pros to build and maintain their games. Fairfax Racquet has a waiting list for court time and lessons. Prince William should take advantage of this. You could also build indoor tennis at GMU along with the pool and Fitness. Again another opportunity to hire tennis pros. Pickle ball doesnt require pros to teach you.
- 107 Imagine a vibrant, diverse sports complex that not only caters to traditional sports but also embraces the excitement and inclusivity of roller derby. By including space for roller derby, your complex would tap into a rapidly growing community of enthusiasts, fostering a dynamic hub for both athletes and spectators alike. Roller derby's unique blend of athleticism, strategy, and entertainment attracts people of all ages and backgrounds, making it an ideal addition to your facility's offerings. Not only would it diversify your programming, but it would also contribute to the health and well-being of the community by providing an alternative and engaging form of physical activity. Furthermore, hosting roller derby events and leagues would draw crowds, boosting foot traffic and revenue for surrounding businesses. In essence, integrating roller derby into your sports complex isn't just about adding another sport—it's about embracing inclusivity, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering community engagement.
- 108 Who currently owns the property that the proposed Center will be located? Has there been an outside appraisal of the site and has a traffic study and an environmental impact assessment been conducted?
- 109 I'd like to see the sports complex open for equitable use by the different sports teams in the are, including NOVA Roller Derby. Modern roller derby is an international sport, mostly played by amateurs with a strong community in the region despite limited access to practice and game venues. It is a family friendly and inclusive sport and has opportunities for junior, women, and open-gender skaters to grow and participate. Please consider this information in your planning process.

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110 I am a member of NoVA Roller Derby. I support the construction of this facility and its use as a sports complex open for different sports teams in the area, including roller derby. Modern roller derby is an international sport, mostly played by amateurs with a strong community in the region, despite limited access to practice and bout venues. It is a family friendly and inclusive sport and has opportunities for junior, women, and open-gender skaters to grow and participate. Please consider allowing the space to be used for roller derby practices and bouts! Thank you!

111 No to this proposal. Woodbridge????????? Why??

112 What about adding a pool? I feel like the community could benefit from having this option, too.

114 Will it be open too youth sports organization?

115 Where is the second proposal for this facility? There is a BIG window of several MILLION dollars when the estimated cost is between \$117.8 - \$135.8 million. This is ALL tax payer money being spend on a facility that quite frankly will not benefit the whole county. For residents in the western end, it is an hour drive. What is the actual financial analysis for running a facility of this size? That is a number beyond the actual cost to build it. How much will the facility have to be rented out and at what cost so they break even on running it? Will the county ever begin to recoup the build cost? Why does it have to have this special track? What are the accommodations for handicapped residents? Is there any consideration for that population? Is this a facility that will be serving other counties? If yes, why is this not a private industry build? Why are tax payers paying for it?

116 We need this type of center

117 Hello! As a member of NOVA Roller Derby, we'd like to see the sports complex open for equitable use by the different sports teams in the area to include Roller Derby. Modern roller derby is an international sport, mostly played by amateurs with a strong community in the region despite limited access to practice and bout venues. It is a family friendly and inclusive sport and has opportunities for junior, women, and open-gender skaters to grow and participate. Please consider saving space for a skating area or track!

118 Hello, Please consider also adding swimming pools. They are definitely needed in this area indoors, especially during the winter months.

119 How about an indoor swimming pool?

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120 I cannot stress enough how important it is to see this project through for the residence of Prince William County. My daughter is a junior in high school, so while this will not benefit her, we have spent countless hours driving to, and from liberty University in Lynchburg and Virginia Beach Among other places so that these kids can participate in indoor track. That's just one example of expensive and needless and time-consuming travel to get to a facility because our county does not offer one. In addition to track, there are clearly so many other sports that could benefit from this. Because there are so few indoor tracks available in the state, I can assure you this would draw much needed revenue to this county as this facility would be able to host meets of a large magnitude. Lots of kids/lots of parents = lots of money. That is just an additional benefit to the county above and beyond providing a facility that the kids in this county need for their own use. Thank you, Tammy Tribett

121 I love this and would love to be a part of promoting the indoor sports and events center.

122 I have additional comments regarding another sports facility that will serve only the eastern end of the county. It will be over an hour drive to get to that location for Western PWC residents. Where is the sports and rec facility for the Western end? Freedom center is not even found on the PWC Parks and Rec website- which tells me that PWC may provide some funding, but it certainly cannot be boasted as a county provided recreation center. The cost of membership is higher at Freedom Center than it is at Chinn. Chinn is \$50 per month, plus a \$15 person add on, 6 months for \$270 and 12 months for \$540. Freedom is \$77 per month, plus a \$33 person add on, 6 months for \$360, and 12 months for \$660. Why should Western residents pay more to have access to a public fitness and health facility? We should be building a facility to accommodate the Western residents as no such facility currently exists. I am against the excessive cost and size of this proposed facility that will serve only the eastern end residents when we do not have any type of county fitness and health facility in the western part of PWC.

123 I live in 20155 Gainesville. I fully support another recreational center.

124 Please no! Traffic is a nightmare. This facility has what our county already has. What we need is more pool and ice rinks. There is basketball courts on every corner, pickle ball is spread out throughout the county. We have tracks too! We don't want anything that will bring more people and cars to our area. We need bike trails, parks and natural environment space not a building that most people in PWC could afford to even go into!

125 Pickleball is a fast growing sport. Having an indoor facility will be a great addition to Prince William County. I hope a certain amount of space will be dedicated to adult play. The rec center is great for children, but don't forget the adults who pay taxes to build the rec center.

126 I have two kids in track in PWC schools and I 100% support this project. Currently the only facility for large meets is at Liberty University. The entire team has to travel there for the meets. It's a long trip on school buses and a very long day for the kids. An indoor track facility in PWC is urgently needed.

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127 Beyond excited for this project to move forward I think this would be a great investment to the prince William county area .It would be a huge deal to have this type of center for parks &rec . A wonderful asset to have in this area one of a kind state of the art sports center .

128 Nice project! We need more of these projects in Prince William County. Is going to help our children's in every sport. Hard to find courts right now to practice and be competitive with others county/states. Thanks!

129 Will this center have any indoor soccer/football fields? 8 basketball courts seems like a lot. Soccer is a big sport in this area and turf fields would be a huge plus. I'm sure this could be a good venue for soccer tournaments that are held in the area multiple times of year and could bring in revenue to the county as well.

130 Will there be sand courts at this facility

131 Test QR code

132 This is a wonderful idea and would bring a lot of revenue to PWC. My daughter is a volleyball player and participates in travel volleyball. I've seen firsthand the amount of revenue generated from this type of complex.

133 I 100% support this project in PWC. However, I'd love for some part of the facility to be dedicated to indoor turf fields that can be used for soccer tournaments or 7v7 football tournaments. It's disappointing to see the focus just on track, volleyball, basketball and pickle ball. Please consider dedicating some portion of the facility to indoor turf fields akin to the Chase Fieldhouse in Wilmington, DE. Thank you.

134 There is nothing like this in the northern part of the county. You already have an aquatic center it's time to give back to the north where you are building all the data centers.

135 I am highly in favor of this complex coming to Prince William County. It would be a great resource for the community and bring added tourism revenue to the area.

136 We really need a pool in the area for all the swim team needs between competitive swim and high school swim!

137 This is a great idea! Had there been any thought to include an Olympic size pool, space for indoor soccer, a cafe, gym, and saunas? You could also charge an annual membership. Thank you. Randy

138 I don't see this big expensive project making the county much money. I would prefer the county look to making more parkland which, I know, isn't a money maker, but in looking at the responses to the survey, seems to be the preferred choice of the residents here. We so lack parkland.

139 This is vital for PWC and PWCS athletes and their interest in sports.

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140 We have lived in Lake Ridge for over 32 years and our traffic is a nightmare. We find it extremely difficult to get to medical appointments and retail areas. The county continues building without seemingly considering traffic impacts. What is being done to address the potential traffic impacts from this large facility? Thank you for addressing our concerns.

141 I can see the benefit. My concern is that telegraph road is one lane before it connects to Minnieville Road and--I think this is crazy because of the Horner and Telegraph park and ride lots--has NO SIDEWALK. This negligent oversight should be fixed as part of this project.

142 This county needs a full sized steam room. They are better for your system than a sauna. As far as I know, there is only one in the county and it belongs to a private, exclusive, prohibitively expensive country club. Sincerely, Kevin J. Wethington

143 How would this facility compare in size to the Meadows Event Center in Doswell? I'm asking because there is a need in this area for a facility that is big enough to host major robotics competitions. Every year, a number of PWCS Robotics teams travel to Doswell for the state competition. The majority of the teams at States are PWCS teams. It would be wonderful if there was a facility in Northern Virginia that could accommodate this event.

144 This project is long overdue. The need for a facility such as this is pressing in our region. The opportunities provided to our young people and citizens will greatly benefit, not only families in Prince William county but a multitude of hotels and restaurants. While the price tag is substantial, the benefit will be exponentially greater. Do the generation of dollars by the meals and hotel tax alone Will increase our tax without increasing burdens on our citizens. More than anything else this economic development project married to a community use facility will increase the quality of life in Prince William County. The impact on a multitude of activities that this facility can be used as far greater than even what has already been proposed . I urge the present county board of supervisors to support this project. It has taken far too long for this to be moved forward. Well, I can appreciate due diligence, the time to move forward is now. The benefits to the young people and our business community would be the will of the people to see these endeavors, pursued and achieved. Do not err on the side of fear, but be bold and move this project forward. Be the leader she claimed to be and vote to support this project. It should be a 9-0 vote in support thereof.

145 Please consider adding a facility in the Western part of the county. There is a severe differential in the public parks and recreation service differences in the differing parts of the county. It is hard to believe this is the location chosen given the lack of services in western Prince William county

146 What about tennis? In a quick glance I did not see tennis courts. Are they in the plan somewhere? Thank you.

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- 147 I am against the idea of having this sports arena and event center. I feel like PWC already has spaces that can accommodate the type of events and games that this event center is hoping to cater for. If people want event space, have them rent one of the mega-churches or turn some empty mall space into an event space. If they need space for sports, utilize the parks or schools. I feel like it would be a huge waste of taxpayer dollars to build this.
- 148 Why are there NO PLANS TO INCLUDE A POOL?
- 149 if you can a swimming pool like what you have at the freedom rec center would be a great addition to the rec center
- 150 As a resident of PWC since 1974....this is a fantastic site, fantastic idea to help with year around sports. I have coached and played for years and the VA Beach facility brings so much to their economy with large events. the kids need to stay active -great plan!!!!
- 151 I vote no. There's too much traffic and urban sprawl in this county already, especially since it sold its soul to the cesspool that is data centers and McMansions.
- 152 Please include lacrosse facilities in the conversation. Looks wonderful. Long overdue. Much better than data centers
- 153 Please include a pool at this facility. There are too many clubs and teams using too few facilities in this county.
- 154 Totally support an indoor facility. It will bring more tourism into the county. We currently have to go to VA beach for these events and get a hotel for a night or two.
- 155 PLEASE APPROVE THIS PROJECT! Prince William county needs to engage their community and youth sports is the perfect avenue to travel. As a life long resident, I vehemently despise the overdevelopment that has been allowed in Prince William County however I fully endorse any construction that provides direct opportunity for our community's youth.
- 156 I don't approve spending money on this facility. The money is coming from the run away approval on data centers that are being placed everywhere. Especially right behind my house. Now my family and my neighbors will have to suffer Devlin Tech Park because you want more money. But what about the money we will have to pay for rising energy costs because we will foot the bill to power data centers and to upgrade the grid. Why don't you spend that money on subsidizing our future costs.
- 157 Please we need an indoor pool just like chin aquatics in Dumfries Virginia since we lack this sport center in this area. Thanks
- 158 I am against such a massive construction project until improvements are made to I95 South. The portion of 95 from Lorton & south across the Occoquan is already a commuter nightmare. I am already avoiding this part of PW county due to traffic issues.

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159 Please we need an indoor swimming pool in Dumfries Va area.

160 A facility like this is very necessary in PWC! So many benefits to it and will be used a lot

161 With rowing a growing sport in our county and region including indoor rowing tanks for off water training, and rowing machines for competitions (and training) would be really smart! The indoor rowing tanks in particular are so uncommon in the region that I could see teams from across Virginia and Maryland (including colleges and adult teams) willing to pay to use such a facility. Currently, Prince William Rowing Club travels to the Naval Academy in Annapolis and rents their facility for several hours during the winter months. And it's just out of reach for most of the PWC high schools teams. If you wanted to create something that would be a reason to travel to PWC - indoor rowing tanks would be the envy of our Fairfax neighbors.

165 Do residents have voice? Meaning, are we going to vote on this?

166 This seems like a great project. When my kids and grandkids were growing up the facilities for sports events were barely adequate.

167 This facility is so overdue! This area is full of nationally recognized talent in all sports ... but especially basketball and volleyball! I have spent so much money in other parts of the state or DC Metro area that I would have loved to have given to my own community!! This could be a huge boost to our local economy for years to come. Please approve this facility!!

168 Has any consideration been made to accommodate indoor tennis courts within this proposal by adjusting the court surface to increase income potential? There are severely limited indoor public court options for tennis players in DC-MD-VA and there is a ready population to support.

169 This is an excellent idea for Prince William County. This type of facility will benefit our children the schools in Indy outside clubs that deemed to use our facility more importantly if any of the clubs within Prince William County need to host a tournament of any kind that's additional funding and revenue into the county for services that might be provided by vendors, and charges that that I required to attend the tournament. Plus, it can also serve as an alternative location for our schools to practice and sharpen their skill sets on the sports such as basketball, volleyball, track, etc., and my opinion this is a win-win for all.

170 This is one of the best proposals that PWC has had in a long time. As track parents for the last 15 years, we are tired of spending so much money in either the Tide Water/ Virginia Beach area or PG County for all of the championship division runs. An indoor track facility will bring so much potential growth to the sport for this area because we, indeed, have the best runners in the Nation around. From Bullis to Freedom (my daughter Psalmn Jones) has been on two State Championship teams in the last two years and its financially draining, as well as time consuming for families and coaches to travel. Bring it here to NOVA! You will have a ton of support. Track nation will be behind you!

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171 As a PWC resident and a parent with children actively involved in sports, I am advocating for the indoor sports and events center. This center can offer numerous benefits to both families and the community at large. I am supporting the establishment of an indoor sporting and events center in PWC because it aligns with my interests of supporting youth athletes, like my children, promotes community well-being, and contributes to the overall development and vitality of the region.

172 Hi, I'm a junior at Patriot High School and I participate in both Cross Country and Track and Field. I understand with this facility that I will not be able to use it myself in my time at high school, but I wish for my fellow teammates and the future runners of not only Patriot, but every other school in the county and the region of northern Virginia that they will be able to use an indoor track facility in a reasonable distance. In the present time during our indoor track season, we must go to meets in order to improve in our sport and the only option we have is to go to indoor facilities. Because of this and the fact there are very few in the state, we are forced to travel to the indoor tracks at Virginia Beach, Virginia Military Institute, or Liberty University to allow everyone on the team to participate in the sport. Of these, each requires several hours worth of traveling one way to arrive at these facilities and the same amount of time back. Not only is this incredibly time consuming, for example the Liberty University meets, which are the most accessible for entire teams and hosts the most meets during indoor track, takes upwards of 3 1/2 to 4 hours each way, with us traveling upwards of 8 hours in a single day and is often more time than we spend at the meet. This usually has the team leaving for the meet at around 6 AM and not being back at our school until around 11 PM- 12 AM. I would also like to emphasize that this is not just for our High School, other schools in the county and this area must do the exact same thing, sometimes with even worse travel times, just so they can compete. Having this facility that is located nearby not only benefits Patriot, but plenty of other schools in this area because it is more convenient, but also lowers the risk of danger that may arise when traveling in winter conditions to these facilities. This is just my perspective as a runner, but having plenty of other opportunities for other sports like basketball and volleyball is great to have because it gives teams and the community new places to practice or just have fun. From the bottom of my heart, I hope that you consider the athletes and coaches that will be using these facilities opinion's because it will provide immense benefits for several sports and hundreds, if not thousands of athletes. Thank you for your time.

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175 As a resident of Prince William County, I understand and appreciate Prince William park's thoughtful review of this proposal exploring a public-private partnership for the proposed Indoor Dports and Events Center however, I question why the construction cost of the project isn't also being shared by the partner, and only the operation. At nearly \$200 million estimated for the facility and garage, it's worth asking the question, if this is such a good business investment, why not ask the private operator to contribute a portion, say 50%, of the capital investment? Why must PWC tax payers pay 100% of the capital investment? I support the parks WHOLE HEARTEDLY, but wonder if \$200 million would be better spent investing in a wide variety of long-term planned PWC Parks projects (Greenway Trail Systems, Rec Center expansions, playground remodels (more like Rollins Ford Park! etc). I also wonder if exploring a different location within the county, such as at the Innovation Campus of George Mason University, where you potentially could build off the existing GMU/Manassas/PWC Partnership and expand on the Freedom Center, might be something worth exploring with the cost being so much. At Innovation there is already ample infrastructure and parking. There is also an existing partnership in place that could be built upon rather than starting something new and unproven. There is ample land where the existing facility could be expanded to meet the goals of this vision (potentially at reduced cost) rather than a brand new structure that will require all of the needs/expenses of an undeveloped site. It is also more centrally located in PWC and further from other sports events centers this might compete with such as the St. James. Just thoughts. Thankyou for your consideration. Steve Kattula PWC Resident and Architect

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177 Hi Amber

179 The facility looks like it is going to be beautiful. However, It does not look like there will be any indoor tennis courts. There are multiple indoor basketball courts around the area. However, there are no indoor tennis courts for which people can utilized during the winter unless one is willing to pay an arm or leg. I hope the final draft will a tennis court because there are a lot of people in the area who do play and would utilize the courts during the winter

180 I think a center would be very helpful. As I am a senior at Patriot High School and run Indoor track. We would spend hours on the bus to get to Liberty University for our meets. So it would be very helpful for competing to have a facility closer.

181 In my opinion, I think it will benefit the team next year and beyond so they don't have to drive 3-4 hours on a bus every Saturday. And it also saves from having to get bus drivers and making them drive for a long time. People could also be able to do more events since the meet would be at a closer spot than Liberty. An indoor sports facility would be really beneficial for not just track athletes, but basketball, volleyball, soccer, etc, so that no one doesn't have to worry about long drives and traveling.

182 Is there open facility fee or membership for local daily usage?.

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184 Will the facility have a liquor license for weekend events? How will the facility be used during weekdays?

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186 Where will revenue generated by the center go? Obviously at first revenue will go back into procurement cost. But when that is reached, will revenue go into PWDPR for use for Parks and Recreation Budget.

187 Why is the St. James sports complex Springfield VA not on your competition venue list?

188 I feel like the southern end of the county already has some facilities like this and we don't have anything like this on the northern end. We are getting endless data centers and no recreation areas to enjoy. Why was this not prioritized for the northern end before adding more to the southern end? This is over 30 mins from my house and I don't even live at the very northern tip. Very disappointing!

189 I wholeheartedly support this facility. It is past time to have a facility in our area for children to use so they don't have to get up at 4 am and drive 6 hours round trip to routine track meets. Please make this happen!

190 Why not turf fields for lacrosse, football or soccer!?! Any outdoor fields!?! Do it right or don't do it at all - the st James did it right!

191 In the last year or so I have joined the community of pickle ballers and enjoyed the sport and the people in it so much! It is such a great sport that a variety of ages and abilities can play. There are very few courts in our area and even less that have lights. This is sooo needed for the pickleball community and would bring in people wanted to hold tournaments and all sorts of pickle play! I also have a daughter and son who play rec level basketball and it seems the league is always trying to work with school schedules to get gym time and we are all over the county. It would be so nice to have county courts to use and count on consistently. This facility would be so great for the community!

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193 This sports complex wastes limited taxpayer resources and it is irresponsible to fund this project. Most county residents will not use this complex and it will cost taxpayers over \$100 million to build this facility. After it is built, millions of dollars a year will be required just to cover the interest on the debt used to fund this project and millions more to cover operations. This revenue from facility use fees is unlikely to cover the cost of operations and debt repayment. The county should not waste money on luxury sports centers when our schools are underfunded.

194 Thank you. I learned a lot about what is proposed. I found the format great. I liked being able to ask questions and see all of the maps and charts up front, followed by the FAQ session, and questions from the public.

195 I hope that Prince William will consider not only hosting large events but also creating their own youth sports rec leagues. This is one of the only ways to help increase athletic participation at the high school level. Students are unaware of the sports that are available to them because of the lack of rec leagues in the area.

197 Hello! To whom this may concern, My name is Coach Joey. The head Coach of Saint John Paul High School Swimming. I am looking at this proposal to build a new athletic facility in Prince William county and would love to put my consideration in for another pool here in Prince William County. As a Coach who basically volunteers his time for his Alma Mater, love of the kids and the sport of swimming, I am frustrated that of the 3 indoor county run facilities on the East side, none will offer an amenable time for practice for my High School. A new pool would not only work wonders for the competitive swim programs, like Amberjax, High School Swim programs would benefit as well. This is a market that can always can be tapped into. It is my hope that Saint John Paul Swimming would be considered in priority of renting lane space at this new facility because Chinn Aquatics won't offer any lane space despite well documented availability. Chinn would be fantastic, with one of HS busses already stopping there, but a new facility closer to the HS would be amazing. Thank you for your Consideration! Many Thanks and Blessings, Coach Joey

198 I am in full support of having an indoor track sports and event center. During the last indoor session, my kids in conjunction with their coaches and teammates from the high schools had to travel one to three hours for each meet. Which means they had to leave Home as early as 5 AM to be dropped off in school and sometimes back very late at night. Having our own sports center will eliminate a lot of the driving and protect our children reducing possibility of accidents and provide them more time to spend with family and on education as well. also, it is guaranteed to raise revenue for the county. Thank you for considering this proposal

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- 199 I attended the 4/10 meeting. Very informative. Great job by staff handling some tough questions. I have used the "sister facility" in VA Beach. A facility as proposed is a long time coming for NoVa. It would be great for PWCO to beat Fairfax and Loudon Counties to the punch. I see this as a huge long term positive investment in the Eastern side of PWCO which has sort of been treated as the "red headed stepchild" of the County. It seems to be favored for Social Service and VASAVOR type programs at the expense of positive business ventures. This statement comes from living and working off the Richmond Hwy corridor in both PW (live) and Fairfax County (work)for forty years.
- 200 I do not want this project. Unnecessary, ridiculously oversized facility and would be horrendously extensive.
- 201 This facility would be a fantastic addition to our community. My son participates in track and field at Patriot HS and during the winter season we have to travel long distances (2-3 hours) to compete. Our area needs something like this to help our student athletes succeed.
- 202 Please approve this project. My student athlete spent countless hours on the road to compete every weekend during the 4 indoor track seasons throughout her HS running career. At least 8h in a bus per meet. Now, multiply this by the number of meets and again by the number of students. This time could have been spent studying or actually IN CLASS. Having a local facility will: - increase class attendance - increase quality study time - increase athlete performance - be a benefit to our county in terms of tourism dollars - promote PWC as a first class county for student athletes.
- 203 I totally support this project. I had no idea about this until yesterday. This will definitely boost the PWC economy and tourism in our area. With the increase of "travel teams" on several sports, along with conventions, graduations, etc, this sounds like a great addition to the county and the surrounding areas in the DMV.
- 204 As the mom of a multi-sport high school athlete (track and basketball) who currently travels hours for both school and AAU meets and tournament games, I can say that this sports and events center is desperately needed and would be wonderful for PWC and the surrounding areas. Being a destination for athletes really seems to put places on the map in a very neat way. Please approve this sports and events center. Thank you!
- 205 I am unable to attend the community meeting, but totally agree with this facility being built. The Eastern side of PWC needs this and will bring in a lot of revenue to the area. I'm tired of traveling everywhere else for my kids' sports.
- 206 In addition the capabilities listed, it would be an added benefit if space was available to use for JROTC Marching Competitions (100 X 100) squ Ft and indoor air rifle range competitions.
- 207 Great information presented at the meeting. I hope the board will approve the land purchase. Thanks for allowing me an opportunity to be present.

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- 208 As a Woodbridge area resident, I stand in favor of this potential opportunity to provide a much needed indoor sports complex which will fill a need and expand health a fitness opportunities for the local community and beyond.
- 209 I whole-heartedly implore the Board to fully fund this much needed project! The students, parents, coaches, and others from the community will be able to finally have a facility that supports the needs of Prince William County, and which will bring in outside revenue during events, tournaments, etc. I was not able to make the meetings but I ask that you please consider fully funding this much needed project, which will enhance the quality of life Prince William County residents.

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s a dedicated parent of a young volleyball enthusiast, I firmly believe that our local community should prioritize the development of a sports complex. This endeavor is not merely about erecting another recreational facility; it's about investing in our children's well-being, fostering a sense of community, and providing opportunities for growth and excellence. Here's why I advocate for the establishment of a sports complex, particularly from the lens of a volleyball parent:

Health and Fitness: In an age where sedentary lifestyles and screen time dominate, a sports complex offers a haven for physical activity. Volleyball, a sport that demands agility, coordination, and teamwork, provides an avenue for children to stay fit while having fun. By having a dedicated facility, we encourage our youth to embrace an active lifestyle, combating rising obesity rates and promoting overall well-being.

Skill Development: Volleyball is not just a game; it's a platform for skill acquisition and personal growth. A sports complex equipped with volleyball courts provides a space for children to hone their skills under the guidance of trained coaches. From mastering serves to perfecting digs, every practice session becomes an opportunity for improvement, instilling discipline and perseverance in our youngsters.

Character Building: Beyond the technical aspects, volleyball teaches invaluable life lessons. Through wins and losses, players learn resilience, sportsmanship, and the importance of teamwork. A sports complex becomes the arena where these character-building moments unfold, shaping our children into responsible, empathetic individuals who understand the value of cooperation and determination.

Community Engagement: A sports complex serves as a focal point for community engagement. It brings families together, fostering social connections and a sense of belonging. Whether cheering from the sidelines or volunteering at tournaments, parents become active participants in their children's sporting journey, forging bonds that extend beyond the court.

Talent Development: For aspiring athletes, access to quality training facilities is paramount. A well-equipped sports complex attracts talented individuals and provides them with the resources needed to reach their full potential. Who knows? The next volleyball prodigy could emerge from our very own community, propelled by the opportunities afforded by a dedicated facility.

Economic Impact: Investing in a sports complex isn't just an expenditure; it's an investment with far-reaching economic benefits. Tournaments and events hosted at the complex draw visitors from neighboring areas, boosting local businesses and stimulating economic growth. Additionally, a thriving sports culture enhances the appeal of our community, attracting new residents and businesses alike.

Legacy for Generations: By spearheading the development of a sports complex, we're not just investing in the present; we're creating a legacy for future generations. Imagine the countless memories that will be forged within those walls—the championships won, friendships formed, and dreams realized. Our children and grandchildren will inherit not just a facility but a tradition of excellence and camaraderie.

In conclusion, the establishment of a sports complex is not a luxury but a necessity for our community, particularly from the perspective of a volleyball parent. It's a symbol of our commitment to our children's health, development, and happiness. Let's come together, rally behind this initiative, and build a brighter future for our youth—one serve, spike, and victory at a time.

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211 I work in Prince William County and I am heavily involved in a local athletic non-profit, Northern Virginia Roller Derby, which has the mission of supporting fellowship and community, locally and regionally, through roller derby. As an adult who did not grow up athletic, it was amazing for me to find a community that promoted health and play that put up almost no barrier to entry. I could barely skate forward and I couldn't stop, and yet through the encouragement of my teammates I improved massively and now play for our travel team. My experience with community athletics has been so affirming, so good for my physical, mental, and emotional health, and I would love to see Prince William County create a space for people of all ages to find similar empowerment. I would be especially excited if that space was available for us to rent for our practices and games. Thank you for your time.

212 I am delighted to hear that this sports and events center is proposed for PWC. For years I have traveled to other cities in VA and MD. The money that I spent and the fees paid by sports teams would have been a benefit to PWC. Depending on where we had to travel to, we needed accommodations to stay overnight. This would also benefit the lodging industry in PWC. My grandchildren have practices at Kids Choice. We have been going there for 12 years and it has gotten worse over the years. No upkeep of the facility and parking lot. The children of PWC deserve better. The Ali Krieger Sports Center is wonderful but not every child plays soccer or baseball. The Freedom Center in Manassas is too far for children on the eastern end of the county to enjoy on a regular basis. The schools in PWC are reserved for their sports teams and other events so we are unable to reserve the gymnasiums. We all talk about keeping kids occupied and involved in something productive. Some families don't have the funds to travel to other locations. Maybe they could participate if they didn't have to leave PWC. We are limited especially on the eastern end. And no, this isn't an argument for east vs. west like so many are screaming about. Virginia Beach has a Sportsplex, Sports Center, and Field House. Look at what Richmond has to offer their children/residents. My hope is that the members of the BOCS will vote YES to bring this sports and events complex to PWC.

213 This facility looks amazing, however it clearly will be for private sports club use on weekends and weeknights. It also is not centrally located limiting its use for east end county residents. We on the west end of the county have no facility like this, nor do we have a recreation center. The Freedom Center may be subsidized by the county but their membership fees are not comparable to those of the Chinn and Dale City Recreation centers, not to mention the array of year round camps and children's activities these recreation centers provide to those residents in the east. Perhaps the capacity of the Freedom Center would increase if they charged county residents the same fees as other county rec centers. For \$160 million dollars of county tax money this beautiful facility should be in a more centralized location for easy access by all of county tax payers. Also, why is the county not looking for other proposals? Can the county drop the exorbitant application fees to permit bids from other businesses? It is fiscally irresponsible to go with the one and only proposal considering how much money is on the line.

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214 As I am unable to make the in-person meeting, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new indoor sports and event center in our community. While I understand the potential benefits such a facility could bring, I believe that the negative impacts on traffic, the environment, cost, and location outweigh these benefits. Firstly, the increased traffic congestion that would result from this center during peak event hours is a major concern. Our roads are already strained, and adding more vehicles to Telegraph Road would not only lead to much longer commute times but cause locals to have to dump more money into their fuel fund just to get around town. This is a serious issue for those of us with kids attending multiple weekly activities. The chosen location for the center also raises concerns about noise pollution, disruptions to local wildlife, and is counter intuitive to county's Sustainability Plan. These factors would negatively impact the quality of life for residents and could lead to even more young families leaving the county. Secondly, the environmental impact of such a large facility cannot be ignored. The energy consumption for heating, cooling, and lighting alone would be substantial, contributing to our carbon footprint. Additionally, the waste generated from events, including plastic and non-biodegradable materials, raises questions about sustainable practices and waste management. The Parks and Recreation Dept should be more concerned about getting people outdoors rather than in. The surveys that they complete should aim to represent the county in its entirety, not just affluent, actively involved patrons. Thirdly, the cost of constructing and maintaining this center is a significant burden. Taxpayers and local businesses would likely bear the brunt of these expenses through increased taxes or fees. Moreover, ongoing costs for infrastructure upgrades and maintenance could strain our already limited resources and raise taxes unnecessarily. Considering these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the decision to proceed with the indoor sports and event center. A thorough assessment of alternative locations, multiple locations of smaller facilities, comprehensive environmental impact studies, transparent cost-benefit analyses, and meaningful community engagement are essential before moving forward with such a project.

215 We shouldn't be spending so much money to build one big center on the East side of the county. It's not needed and will cause too much traffic.

222 Woodbridge Pickleball Club is really looking forward to indoor pickleball courts here in the county.

223 Will residents be able to use the facility? Will facility be able to host virginia senior olympic events?

224 We're really looking forward to indoor pickleball courts here in the county. We currently do not have an indoor facility to support our league. This would bring a great revenue to this county.

226 Looks facinating. How sure are we of the amount of the draw

227 . How will the center be managed and operated once it is completed?

228 I am in full support of this facility. I think it will be much needed added value to our community, along with jobs and opportunities for our kids and communities overall. .

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230 Wholeheartedly support this project. A Sport's center was in the works since two Chairs ago (during C. Stewart's last term) and it is exciting to see it back on the table. Some might complain that they want a sports center in their side of the county instead - I don't see them advocating for the mental crisis center ... it is almost as if they deem this area of the county only worthy of the projects they don't want in their areas. Occoquan residents have long advocated for the sports center

231 This is needed for the community.

232 Will there be space for hammer throw and discus?

233 We represent Radio Controlled Racers of Northern VA We are in favor for the complex being built and are hoping for a small space within the complex to host our weekly event

236 I currently race with a semi-local remote control racing club and we are looking for a new racing lot to replace our current one. We currently have 1,400 local members (see our Facebook page) RCRNV (Radio Control Racers of Northern Virginia) we have been in existence for 20yrs. We have a race each Sunday that has between 50-100 participants using an existing parking lot space approximately 20 parking spaces long, we don't require anything more than a parking lot. Currently we have to go to a Manassas high school, as we haven't found a space in Woodbridge. We pay for the space and have our own insurance through ROAR, a national RC sanctioned company. If there is any green space, an off road area to run radio controlled cars would be great as well. We really hope to have a space to enjoy our activity/hobby!

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239 Keg Good 2013 Cumberland Dr, Woodbridge, VA I think the marketing numbers are over inflated to show a much higher benefit to the county. What is projected as a small profit is likely to wind up as a loss, even after the first 3 years. USATF Potomac Valley Association should have been consulted as well as USATF Virginia. Most PWC track people are members of Potomac Valley Association, not VA. Potomac Vally Track Club (not the association) was also not consulted. The club is the area's largest track club for all ages, especially adults, and a frequent winner of the USATF national club championship. It appears that no comparison was done with Prince Georges Sportsplex, the only large local equivalent. It hosts national, regional college, high school, masters, and youth track meets. I am concerned that the individual will not have access to the track. It sounds like walk ins will not be permitted. It also sounds like groups, especially schools will keep out regular people. (PWCPS high schools lock out the public from tracks and most of the middle school tracks are horrible and have no rest rooms.) While I would love to see a facility in my backyard, I am not feeling reassured that I will be able to use it on a cost-effective basis. How/Why has the County already hired the event management company? What track surface? Mondo? How many throwing circles – one for Shot? and one for the Weight throws? With the sprint lanes in the middle of the track where will the throws be located? I do like the fact that the track can be converted into space during the "off" season. I also like that the hotel/restaurant infrastructure is already in place and the site's closeness to I95. On the flip side, we were unable to maintain the Stadium and lost the minor league team. Currently I train at Thomas Jefferson Center in Arlington in the evenings (annual membership) and occasionally before work at Prince Georges Sportsplex (free). You can imagine AM rush hour from Woodbridge to Glen Arden, MD. I am a frequent USATF National & Regional Masters Track and Field Champion and perennial placer in Sprints, Race walks, and Throws. I have lived in Woodbridge since 1988.

240 Please include Prince William Conservation Authority in your planning. Their research has shown that our drinking water is becoming more salinated. This is a huge concern as it is very difficult to remove salt from water. Things like de-icing run off into our waterways which provide our drinking water. This entire project will clear cut trees and create walkways, parking lots, and roads which will be salted during snow and freezing rain. This is an exponentially increasing threat to the safety of our drinking water. Also, the amount of traffic that will increase as a result of increased tourism is a major concern. We're already a congested area, but by removing trees and building hotels, an enormous sporting event center, and a town center, the increase in air pollution is astronomical. Third - where is this electricity coming from? Simply installing LED lights as a green facility management tactic isn't going to solve the problem of pollution nor the pull on our power grid. Has the committee considered how much electricity is going to be needed to power not only this massive sports center but the entire town center as well? It's a great opportunity for PWC, but please consider the other costs of this project beyond the 140 million to build. Costs that include increased SERIOUS health risks, power shortages, and traffic gridlock on top of what we already deal with on a daily basis. Please bring green facility management specialists to the table as SMEs in designing this project. "That's a lot of money" isn't acceptable. Money and human lives are not equivalent.

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- 241 Why is there never any consideration for a state of the Art Indoor Aquatic Recreation Center and Senior Center in the Western end of PWC. As sparse as this County is with Indoor Recreational facilities, Manassas and Woodbridge and Manassas Park have all of them. It is outrageous that the only development you offer the Western part of PWC is DATA CENTERS. PLEASE ADD INDOOR MULTI SERVICE RECREATIONAL CENTER AND SENIOR CENTER ON THE ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR IN THE VICINITY OF GAINESVILLE. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, SUZANNE BROOKS
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- 243 This is so needed. Please make this happen. Highly support.
- 244 No doubt we need this. NoVA is behind the rest of the state...build now!
- 245 Must have for the community.
- 246 This is sorely needed for the thousands of Northern Virginia track athletes.
- 248 I do not support this Sports and Events Center. Other Virginia localities that have tried this approach seem to not be able to break even. Please put this type of funding to our many needed outdoor parks and trails.
- 249 This is a great idea! Thanks for the Rec Dept effort and progressive processes. All Prince Wm residents will benefit from such a Center.
- 250 The inclusion of the indoor track is going to be quite impactful on the youth in our area as well as our area in general. From a design perspective, additional considerations need to be made to the effectiveness of the space. It would be great to ensure that a SME in the area of track and field is involved in it's design. It appears that all considerations have not been made for the layout such as where the shotput area is in relation to other athletes and how much space will be available for warm up lanes. I am sure some of the area coaches may be open to being a part of a peer group for ideas and considerations.

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251 Please consider relooking at the layout for the proposed track. The way it is currently designed could create a safety hazard as the throwing ring opens to the side of the warm up track. Also consider creating some sort of separation from the warm up track to the actual track. This will assist with managing athletes and not interfere with the meet while in progress. Consider adding bleachers to the other side of the facility. This will aide in comfortably seating spectators, athletes, coaches, etc. These meets at times could run very long. This venue could be the premier site to host high school, collegiate, professional, and AAU/USATF youth track and field indoor conferences and championships meets. Please also consider looking at other venues around the US for ideas. New Balance has a track in Boston, Aspire has a track in Ohio. Simplot has a track in Idaho. There are other models to consider. Thank you for your consideration! Melonie Barrow, President PWC Panthers Elite Club

252 Here is an idea, why not invite Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun Counties and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park cities to join and make it Northern Virginia Indoor Sports & Events Center?

253 I am in support of this facility if it can be used to host high school events, such as indoor track and field. The students should not have to compete in the fall/winter outside.

254 Why aren't tennis courts a part of the plan? Or at least consider courts that can be converted into tennis and/or pickleball courts. There are no indoor tennis courts except membership at Montclair.

255 Hi. As a Prince William County resident, who will have to pay for the project, yet will not be able to use it (as it is not even for recreational or personal use), I disagree with the approval and building of the indoor sports and events center. Also the location of it is horrible as it will increase the traffic on already strained I-95 highway during the games and events organized in this Center. As a taxpayer, I don't want that my tax money goes towards this project.

256 This \$136 million sports center has a very bad ROI. The pro forma financial projections from for this facility do not even include debt repayment when estimating the financial impact of this facility. This sports center will cost the county taxpayers millions each year in debt repayments while providing minimal benefits to most county residents. It would be a better use of money to use this \$136 million to help alleviate school overcrowding.

257 This would be a tremendous asset to our county. It is long past time to build this facility.

258 I like this project but I'm concerned about the location. What are the plans to alleviate traffic in the already busy Telegraph Rd., specially when big events are scheduled?

259 Very much looking forward to this sports and events center being built. It's about time PWC build a National class facility like this. Thanks!

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- 261 YES!!! please build this facility and include an indoor track facility!!! I grew up in PWC my whole life and ran track, and now coach and teach in the area. Northern VA desperately needs one! All of the surrounding counties and neighboring states will use this for meets and we wont have to go to PG county to use theirs or travel out of the area! VA beach has theirs and make a killing and are hosting NCAA championships and national meets! This facility is long overdue!! Make it happen!
- 262 I saw in the FAQ that a pool is not planned, however, not including one would be a serious omission. The level of interest in swim in this area is overwhelming and teams struggle to find lane space. Pool space would rarely be vacant and if built as an 50m pool would fill a need that teams otherwise go to Stafford county for.
- 263 Do it sooner, will be a great addition to PWC amenities
- 264 Has consideration been given to seeking sponsorship from large corporations to reduce the financial burden? for example, PWC Community - Sponsored by Micron since they are greatly benefiting from tax incentives from the County. Or Amazon.
- 265 Will residents be able to use the track for walking? If so, will there be a fee involved?
- 266 As an 18 year veteran volunteer of the PWCS Robotics Program, I sincerely hope that the BOCS Board approves an area of the proposed sports arena for the largest Robotics program in the state of VA. A maker space of our own to host competitions, summer camps, year-long training and teaching of volunteers, coaches, elementary, middle, high and college Robotics students. With a space dedicated for this program that the PWCS Admin over the years has consistently declined to provide, we can grow and do so much more for these dedicated students, especially on the eastern side of the county where the need is so great. Please consider that we already have dedicated space at most schools for all sports and activities, but not for Robotics, now part of VHSL. These outstanding students have for years accomplished so very much for so very little. Thank you.
- 267 Why is there little provision for recreational use by county residents. There is limited infrastructure-hotels to host tournaments for out of the area use. Why no provisions for indoor tennis courts -- both for the public and possibly for high school or USTA events.
- 268 Unless this facility uses geothermal heating technology as well as solar and a bare minimum staff, as well as being specifically created to handle homeless influxes, I don't find this an effective use of county funds right now. We have an issue related to housing, and transportation, not issues related to people desperate to find places to run around on a circular track.... I would much rather see better connectivity via an underground tunnel to the VRE or a homicide clearance rate that is higher than 58%, cleaner streets, and no more exhaust manipulated vehicles.
- 269 I'm really sad that you are not including a pool in the plans for this recreation center. My children swim competitively for Prince William Swim Club and we are constantly searching for more lane space in the county. Our team also hosts meets and cannot use Colgan High School because it isn't a 50 meter pool. If you included a 50 meter pool in the plans for this facility, we would be able to keep our business in the county instead of going to Staffor to host our meets.

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270 This is a huge sport facility with absolutely no sand volleyball courts but essentially 14 basketball courts, that can be converted to 28 indoor volleyball courts and 42 pickleball courts right behind target. It would be fantastic if they had 1 or 2 sand courts (Indoor or even out door). We have no sand courts in PWC that are up to regulation with bad sand, terrible nets, and not properly sized.

271 I am still on the fence for this project. Any school or big track meet will use some weekdays and there is not enough on-site parking. Also, I saw nothing about the warmup area: a few 50m lanes in the basement are not adequate for warming up (Ocean Breeze, NY) and behind the bleachers is less than ideal (VA Beach). Based on the info session, it will be nearly impossible to use for individual training: a lovely track in my back yard that I paid for that I cannot use.