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**From:** Melanie Fernandez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 10:09 AM  
**To:** City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>  
**Subject:** Palm Desert Aquatic Center

Dear Mayor Kelly,

As a Palm Desert Resident and daily attendee of the Aquatic Center Water Aerobics, I wanted to express my appreciation for your intervention on the management contract of the center.

The YMCA makes our place a community. We hold a fundraiser for them every year, last year we raised \$16000.00. We do not want to have a for profit out of state company taking over our home. Many older attendees are concerned about price increases and losing silver sneakers.

We also have many people recover from surgeries and injuries in our pool.

This is not a commercial pool. It's a place of community and a place for healing. We even collect money to help our swimmers in need of financial assistance.

It's not just a pool. Its our home.

Thank you for your time

Melanie Fernandez  
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**From:** [Roger Bell](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)  
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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for retaining the local YMCA, a non-profit organization, that currently operates the Palm Desert Aquatic Center. The impact of the YMCA on our community has been immeasurable, fostering a sense of belonging, physical health, and unity among residents. I firmly believe that the continued management by the local YMCA is in the best interest of our city and its residents.

The YMCA has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the well-being of our community. They have not only managed the Palm Desert Aquatic Center efficiently but have also actively contributed to the development of programs that promote fitness, water safety, and overall community engagement. Their dedication is palpable and reflects in the high-quality services provided to residents of all ages.

In contrast, considering an out-of-state for-profit company may pose several risks. Such a company, driven primarily by profit motives, might compromise the quality of services provided to our community. Local interests, unique needs, and the spirit of community that the YMCA embodies could be overlooked in favor of financial gains. Additionally, the revenue generated from the Aquatic Center could potentially leave our local economy, impacting businesses and residents alike.

Furthermore, supporting the local YMCA aligns with our city's values of community, solidarity, and support for local initiatives. By entrusting the management of the Palm Desert Aquatic Center to the YMCA, we ensure that the facility continues to be a place where families gather, children learn, and friendships are formed. It maintains the sense of pride we have in our city and its ability to nurture its own growth and development.

I urge you to consider the long-term impact on our community and the well-being of its residents. Please retain the YMCA's management of the Palm Desert Aquatic Center. Let us continue to invest in the social fabric of our community and uphold the values that make our city a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Bell