

From: [Jody Patterson](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:48:59 PM

Dear Council Members,

Twelve years ago I suffered a spinal cord injury, and was left a quadriplegic. I recovered the right side of my body, but my left side remains paralyzed with drop foot, and no use of my left hand.

I had nowhere to turn for lasting rehabilitation until I found PDAC. I arrived the first day being pushed in a wheelchair by my husband. I was warmly welcomed, encouraged and helped by every staff member, especially the aerobics instructor Leslie Hunley. After less than a year in the pool, I was out of the wheelchair, using a walker, and even driving a car again. The day I drove home from PDAC for the first time the entire class, plus PDAC personnel, watched me drive away to the sound of their applause.

My husband and I are in awe of the good work offered by the current staff at PDAC. They all work hard, and are dedicated to the virtues the YMCA stands for. Please keep our current staff in place. Every single one of them are excellent employees, and spread nothing but good will to the city of Palm Desert.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,
Jody Patterson

Sent from my iPad