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Dear Mayor Denis Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Klein Lopez, Councilmembers Illece Buckley Weber, Linda Northrup and Chris Anstead

I am a longtime resident of Calabasas as well as a longtime member of the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center. When open I mostly used the weight and exercise room, occasionally played volleyball or badminton in the gym, and attended various gatherings in the meeting rooms.

The gym is excellent with a wood floor and great lighting. Before moving to Calabasas with our young family, 45 years ago, I played volleyball for many years on a competitive travelling team out of NYC. We travelled far and wide on weekends competing mostly in the Eastern USA and Canada. I played in tournaments in numerous venues that included gyms, field houses and military bases. Few were comparable to the gym in our Community Center.

The staff report says the gym floor needs replacing and a leaky roof needs to be repaired. Millions were spent to build the community center and it would be a shame to let the building deteriorate because maintenance is required. The roof needs to be repaired ASAP before the rainy season starts causing more extensive and expensive water damage.

I hope the City of Agoura Hills and City of Calabasas can find the money to make the repairs to the Community Center and eventually fund reopening of the facility. It is unique.

When open, I saw all age groups from young to old using the Community Center for all sorts of activities. To name a few; young kids participating in basketball, people of all ages playing pickle ball and badminton, teenagers after school playing basketball, ladies playing cards in the lobby, volleyball teams practicing and meeting rooms used for all sorts of purposes. These included weddings, classes, religious services and community meetings to name a few. The weight room which I often made use of had all sorts of free weights and machines upon which to train. It was also a social center for people to meet, converse and exercise. And the AHCCC even has a climbing wall and locker rooms with showers.

As a senior citizen I miss the opportunity to socialize and get some exercise. The highest priority is to find the money to make essential repairs and do not let the facility deteriorate. The time will come when COVID-19 is under control so that the Community Center can safely reopen. I look forward to that time.

Thank You  
John Suwara